

French Blast Enemy Along River Line

HOCHINA (AP)—A Squadron of French bombers blasted the Vietminh rebels today along the Red River Delta, French forces say. The top target was in the Indochina war zone. The heavy bombing was the first of the campaign against the Vietminh in the delta. The French said the railroad was restored to operation today.

These activities followed a warning by a top French commander that his forces may need foreign help to fight the Vietminh unless all their power against the Hanoi delta is broken.

Gen. Pierre Laniel, chief of the French command in Indochina, said in a news conference today.

The situation in the delta is serious but not hopeless, he said. The Vietminh need help from the outside to attack the French. The French will not let them.

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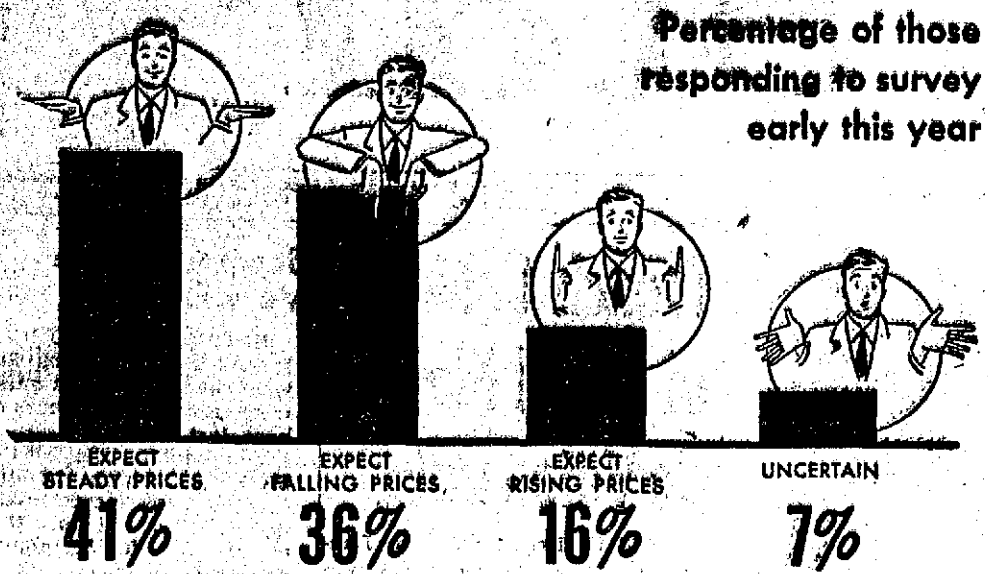
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WHAT CONSUMERS EXPECT AS TO PRICE CHANGES



MARKETS

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, ILL. (AP)—Hogs 6,800 barrows and gilts active. opened 2 1/2 higher later 25-50 higher lights under 180 lb and sows steady to 25 higher 180-230 lb 27-25-50 liberal number 27-35-50 top 27-50 sparingly for choice No. 1 and 2 240-200 lb 25-27-25 270-300 lb 25-50-26-25 choice 150-170 lb 26-75-27-25 few 170 lb up to 27-0-120-140 lb 23-0-75 sows 400 lb down 22-5-23-5 heavier sows 20-50-22-00.

Cattle 3,200, calves 1,0 trading less active than yesterday but about steady on all classes, including weaners few loads high choice steers 25-0-50 most good to average choice steers 20-50-24-00 to average choice heifers and mixed yearlings 19-00-22-00 commercial to low good heifers and mixed yearlings 16-50-19-00 utility and commercial cows 13-00-15-00 few lightweight utilities down to 12-50 canners and cutters 9-50-13-00 utility and commercial bulls 13-50-15-00 cutter bulls 12-00-13-00 good and choice c. weaners 20-00-24-00 few prime 26-00 commercial and low good 14-00-16-00.

Sheep 700 slow but steady few lots choice and prime native spring lambs 28-0-50 some mixed good and choice kinds 20-50-27-50 small lots good and choice c. old crop clipped lambs 22-00-23-50 aged sheep steady cull to good slaughter ewes 3-00-5-00.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

CHICAGO (AP)—USDA—Live poultry steady receipts 717 coops F. O. B. paying prices unchanged heavy hens 20-25 light hens 16-18 fryers or broilers 22-25 old roosters 15-18.

Butter steady receipts 1,770,445 wholesale buying prices unchanged 93 score AA 56.75 92 A 56.75 90 B 54.25 89 C 52 cars 90 B 54.75 89 C 3.

Eggs steady receipts 28,094 wholesale buying prices 1/2 lower to 1 higher U. S. large white 70 per cent and over A's quoted 33-34.5 U. S. mediums 31 U. S. standards 31.5 current receipts 29.5 dirties 29 checks 28.

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Northwest area Market firm. Demand good. Broilers and fryers 22-23. Mostly 22.

Batesville-Floral area: Market steady. Demand fair. Broilers and fryers 21-22. All prices F.O.B. farm.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market turned higher today after a hesitant start.

On the heels of yesterday's decline, the market this morning started off mixed. It soon turned ahead, however, and by early afternoon the list showed gains running to between 1 and 2 points at the best. Losses usually were fractional.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK (AP)—Cotton futures were irregular today, with much of the activity centered in the nearby May position which expired today. May expired a price of 34.15 to 34.16 cents a pound, or 65 to 70 cents a bale under the previous close.

Late afternoon prices were 30 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher than the previous close. July 34.50, Oct. 34.16 and Dec. 34.17.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

CHICAGO (AP)—All grains except old crop soybean moved ahead for substantial gains in active dealings on the Board of Trade today.

Buying in wheat stemmed from a belief prices were attractive at

their current big discount under the prospective government loan, and the same theory was behind demand for corn and oats.

Wheat closed 2 to 2 1/2 higher, May \$1.99 1/2, corn 1-3-5 higher, May \$1.54, oats — to 2 cents higher, May 93 1/2, soybeans 4 lower to 5 1/4 higher, May \$3.78-3.77.

Cash heat: none. Corn No. 3 yellow 1.57-58 1/4 No. 4 1.53 1/4-56 1/4 No. 5 1.51 1/4-52 sample grade 48 1/2-51 1/4. Oats: No. 1 white 79 1/2-80 No. 3 76. Soybeans none.

Barley nominal; malting 1.20-63 feed 92-114.

Dragnet Has Full Movie in the Making

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Let's take a look at the king-size "Dragnet."

Jack Webb and his crime-busting gang are shooting "Dragnet" these days, but there's a difference. This time they're working not at their usual haunt, Disney Studios, but a mile away at Warner Brothers. And the end result will not be a half-hour TV drama but an hour-and-a-half movie for theaters.

"I arrived on the set as the crew was returning from lunch. It looked much the same as the TV layout, except that the sets were bigger and there were more people on the set. First I spotted jolly Ben Alexander, the reliable Frank Smith of the series. His face was bruised.

"It's just makeup," he said. "One of the hoods in the picture roughed us up. He's dead now."

I asked Alexander how the setup had changed for the theatrical movie.

"In a lot of ways it's the same," he remarked. "The only difference is that it takes much longer, since we're shooting in color. We need many more lights, and it takes a lot of time to get a set lighted.

"We don't expect to move as fast. After all, in the TV films—at least the ones I write—I try to write in only three sets. In this picture, we'll have 51 sets!"

Soon Webb, also bruised, appeared with his writer, Richard Breen. They both started in radio in San Francisco with a memorable private-eye show called "Pat Novak for Hire." With them were two noted directors, Delmar Daves and Mervyn Leroy. I also learned that Billy Wilder and George Stevens had visited the set. I couldn't determine whether all these directors were being helpful to a new member of their craft or were merely curious TV fans.

Webb is directing the film, as he does the TV series. That is no easy matter, since he appears in every scene.

When he finished with his visitors, he came over to chat. His conversation is like that of Joe Friday—crisp and full of facts.

I asked him if there were any surprises in his debut as a director of a full-length feature.

"Only in the speed of the crew," he replied. "I knew they were good, but I didn't think they would be able to keep up the kind of pace we maintain in TV. I've got 24 days to finish the picture, but I hope to bring it in at 18."

He explained that the movie script, like those in TV, was taken from an actual case. It concerns a gangland killing, but is not a whodunit.

"The first third of the picture concerns the how and who of the killing," he said. "The rest of the picture tells how the facts were gathered to present to the courts. This time we will show a division of the police department we have never treated before. It's the intelligence division, which gathers material on a criminal from all departments of the force."

Reader's "Aid?"

Because he found so many systems of punctuation in use, Timothy Dexter wrote a book, "Punctuation for the Knowing One," and outlined all points in the text, but printed five pages of nothing but punctuation marks at the end for the reader to use as he might wish.

Extortion Charge Filed in Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—One of two brothers charged in the \$200,000 extortion plot against 20 Dallas Jewish families says he is just the "fall guy."

He is James Hollis Jones, 49, captured Monday night in a Federal Bureau of Investigation trap as he approached a package supposed to contain the money.

Jones is held in Dallas County jail under charges of using the mails to extort and threatening harm to those addressed. His brother, Ralph Franklin Jones, 42, is held under similar charges, after surrendering voluntarily yesterday. U. S. Commissioner W. Madden Hill set \$25,000 bond for each at an arraignment yesterday.

James Hollis Jones, in an interview last night, said his arrest followed at three-day drunk in which he met a mistily remembered couple in a tavern. He blamed the couple for his predicament.

The elder brother is also charged with assaulting a federal officer and his bond on that charge was set at another \$25,000. The FBI says he fired one shot from a .38 caliber revolver as its agents closed in. The bullet went awry.

The extortion letter, identical copies of which went to 18 families, referred critically to "rich Jews," but the older brother said he had no prejudice against members of the race.

Convict Writer Is Judged Sane

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (UP)—A psychiatrist who examined Caryl Chessman, 32-year-old author-convict awaiting execution in the San Quentin prison gas chamber, has found him legally sane, the doomed man's attorney said today.

The attorney, Berwyn A. Rice, said Chessman was interviewed by

Dr. Samuel Anderson of San Rafael for one hour and 15 minutes last night at the request of Ward-En Harley O. Teets.

Rice said Anderson diagnosed Chessman as a psychopath, but said he was legally sane because he understood the difference between right and wrong.

Chessman also underwent an electroencephalogram, the results of which will be made known later today. The test was to determine whether Chessman's brain was injured as the result of an attack of encephalitis many years ago.

If the test shows an injury, presumably Rice will make another legal try to have the execution delayed. Otherwise, Chessman's last hope of reprieve lay with Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, who has indicated he will not intervene.

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was the murderer, but police arrived before she could call them.

In a formal statement to police, she said that Terry was fascinated by a newspaper account of the crime. She said that he left for school yesterday morning and came home about 2:30 p.m.

She told police that he went to the bathroom and then to the kitchen, where he tried to clean brown spots off his grey flannel trousers. He told her that a girl had spilled something at school and he had gotten splashed.

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Political Announcements

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Braves Learn Secret of Beating Bums

By BEN PHEGAR
Associated Press Sports Writer

It takes time, Charlie Grimm may be able to sell his secrets on how to win in Ebbets Field.

The Brooklyn Dodger ball park, grave yard of many pennant hopes last season, proved surprisingly friendly territory to Grimm's Milwaukee Braves.

They won six of 11 games there. No other visiting team won more than three. The St. Louis Cardinals didn't win any.

Now the 1954 edition of the Milwaukee wonders are trying to do the job even better.

They invaded Brooklyn last night for the first time this season and walked off with a 2-0 triumph. The pitching chores were handled superbly by Gene Conley, a King-sized rookie right-hander. In striking out even while walking no-body, the 6-foot-8 side-arm specialist pinned the first shutout on the Dodgers since June 11 last year, when another rookie, Allan Worthington of the New York Giants, turned the trick.

The Braves even though they lost one of the most prolonged arguments of the season. A seventh-inning drive by Eddie Mathews bounced off a railing atop the center field fence and fell back on the field.

Umpire Bill Engvall ruled it a double since Mathews got only as far as second before the Dodgers tried to make a play on him. Umpire Bill Summers called it a home run and waved Mathews in. The Dodgers screamed. The four umpires huddled. The Braves screamed. But in the end Mathews was sent back to second. Despite the ruling, the drive scored Danny O'Connor from first base with Milwaukee's second run. The first came on Joe Adcock's home run.

Elsewhere in the National League the New York Giants defeated Cincinnati 9-7 in 10 innings. The St. Louis Pirates game at Pittsburgh was rained out.

In the American League, Joe Coleman of the Baltimore Orioles allowed his former Philadelphia teammates only two hits, both singles, as the Orioles beat the Athletics 2-0. New York defeated Cleveland 5-3. Chicago shaded Boston 2-1 and Washington beat Detroit 5-3.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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NEW YORK (AP)—Willie Keeler, the remarkable little man who contributed the sage advice to "hit 'em where they ain't" to baseball lore, stood only 5 feet 4 and weighed but 140 pounds, yet he was large enough to post a batting average of .345 during his 19 years of outfielding in the big leagues.

Johnny Evers, member of the famous Tinker to Evers to Chance double-play combination, was even smaller than Willie, though, if you want to judge them on weight alone. The pugnacious second baseman carried only 135 pounds on his 5 feet 9 inches over an 18-year span and was by far the thinnest athlete yet to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

The largest member of that select company appears to have been the famous Adrian (Cap) Anson, who weighed in at 220 pounds while inflicting and managing, mostly for the Chicago Cubs, from 1876 to 1897. Babe Ruth is listed at a mere 215, along with Uncle Wilbert Robinson, but many admirers of the pair will contend they were given a short count.

The three tallest specimens among the 64 superstars whose plaques adorn the walls of the baseball shrine were Dizzy Dean, Lefty Bob Grove and Cy Young all pitchers and all measuring 6 feet 3. The late Herb Pennock, one of the greatest of the left-handers, weighed 165 pounds and was much the lightest of the modern group of pitchers in the hall. He and Young had the longest careers in the big show, 22 years each.

If there's anything to be learned from these facts and figures culled from a handsome pamphlet prepared by Sid Kenner, custodian of the Cooperstown gallery, it seems to be that there's no such animal as an average ballplayer. One notes from the chart, though, that they average a good deal larger these days of the century. Rabbit Maranville's 5 feet 5 and 145 pounds would not have been considered unusually small 40 or 50

years ago, and Paul Waner's 5 feet 8½ would have made him quite a big feller.

It comes as no great surprise to learn that a player named Ty Cobb posted the highest lifetime batting average among the immortals, .367, but it was news to this writer that the revered Connie Mack set the lowest mark with a blazing .240 and powered only four homers during his 11 years behind the plate.

Each player, in turn, is presented to the managers along with a run down on his capabilities and bidding begins. Also, each team must have an equal number of 13 and 14 year olds on its roster.

Regulation uniforms were issued to all players immediately following the auction. Practice sessions will begin as soon as weather permits and actual League championship play will best begin probably around June 1st.

The Hope P-O-N-Y League has qualified in every respect for National recognition and is now a full-fledged member of P-O-N-Y League Baseball, Inc., having received its Certificate of Sanction on May 1st.

The teams turned out very well balanced after bidding ended which certainly gives promise for an exciting season.

First Nat'l Bank: Hairr, Cumbie, Collins, Chabless Castle, Allen Fowler, Carver, Wright, Gibson and Braden.

Hope Auto: Duke, Graves, Boyd, Jones, Graham, Ratcliff, Martin, Weisenberger, Sutton, Garrett and Crain.

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Hope Basket: Watkins, Story, Bailey, McCordle, McPherson, Polk, Holder Thurman Porterfield, Tooley and Henry.

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Pony Teams Organize, Get Uniforms

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P-O-N-Y League Managers John Pierce, Hope Auto Co., Joe Patterson, Hope Basket Co., James Cas-

ton and Paul Huddleston. First Nat'l Bank, and LeRoy Cooley, Hope Builders Supply matched with last night at Youth Center in filling their twelve man P-O-N-Y League rosters with the most able candidates.

Each player, in turn, is presented to the managers along with a run down on his capabilities and bidding begins. Also, each team must have an equal number of 13 and 14 year olds on its roster.

Regulation uniforms were issued to all players immediately following the auction. Practice sessions will begin as soon as weather permits and actual League championship play will best begin probably around June 1st.

The Hope P-O-N-Y League has qualified in every respect for National recognition and is now a full-fledged member of P-O-N-Y League Baseball, Inc., having received its Certificate of Sanction on May 1st.

The teams turned out very well balanced after bidding ended which certainly gives promise for an exciting season.

First Nat'l Bank: Hairr, Cumbie, Collins, Chabless Castle, Allen Fowler, Carver, Wright, Gibson and Braden.

Hope Auto: Duke, Graves, Boyd, Jones, Graham, Ratcliff, Martin, Weisenberger, Sutton, Garrett and Crain.

Hope Builders: Lauterbach, Stark, Martin, Billings, Wiggins, May, Patton, Monts, Wilson, Hatfield, Bryan and J. Wilson.

Hope Basket: Watkins, Story, Bailey, McCordle, McPherson, Polk, Holder Thurman Porterfield, Tooley and Henry.

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Ex-Porker Signs With the Rams

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bob Griffin, former University of Arkansas

linebacker, has signed a 1954 contract with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

Griffin, a Razorback star in 1950-51-52, joined the Rams late last season after he was released from the Marine Corps.

Arkansas Golfer Loses in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Mrs.

Carle Robbins of Fort Smith, Ark., was ousted from the Women's Southern Golf Tournament in the first round yesterday. Defending Champion Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex., beat her, 8 and 6.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Spokane (AP)—Henry Davis, 136, Los Angeles, outpointed Bobby Woods, 134½, Spokane, 10.

Kansas City — Bobby Bickle, 42 Topeka scopped Martin (Kid) Ware, 139, Omaha, 2.

Miami Beach, Fla. — Bob Satterfield, 181½, Chicago, knocked out Julio Mederos, 197, Havana, 2.

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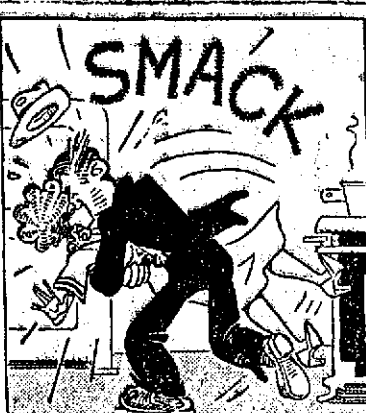
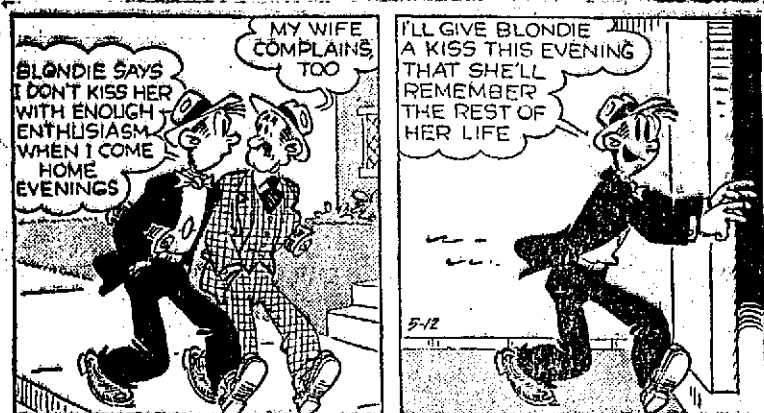
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OUT OUR WAY

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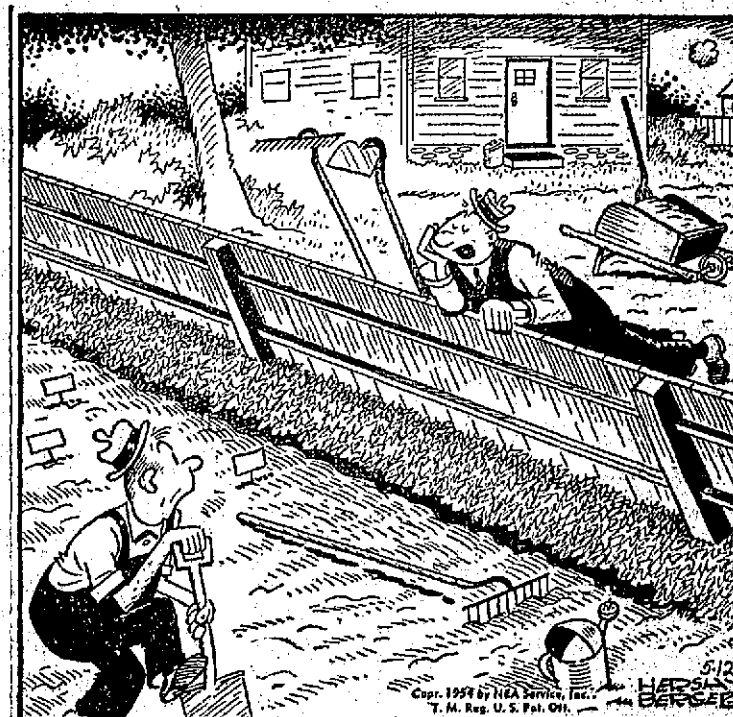
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With Major Maopre



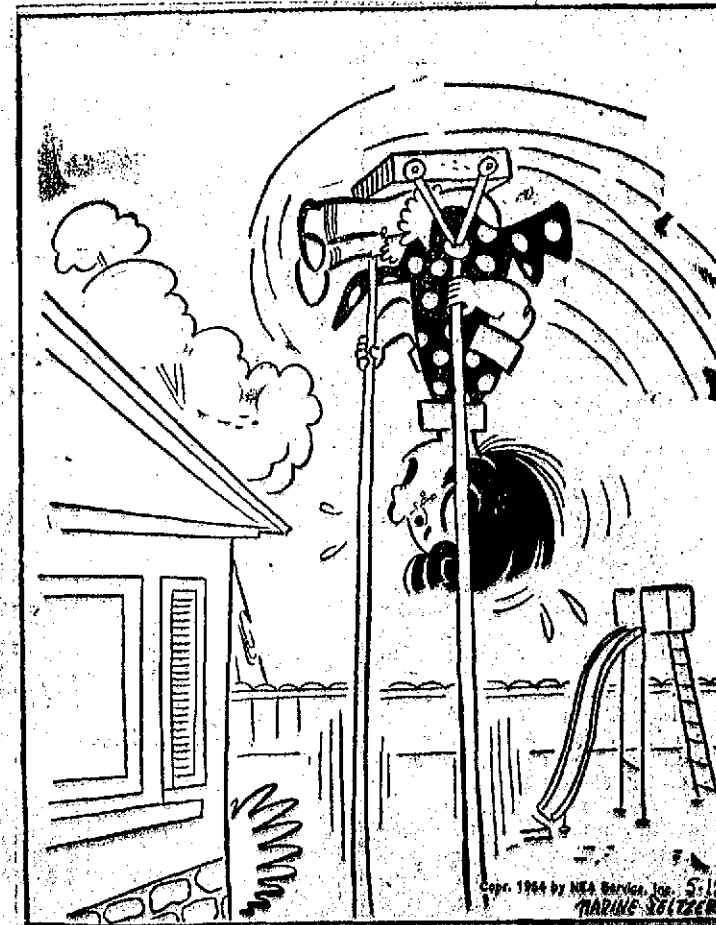
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By Hershberger



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By Nadine Selzer



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By Michael O'Malley and...



WASH TUBBS

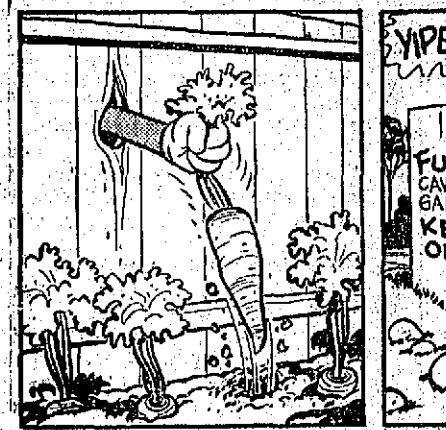


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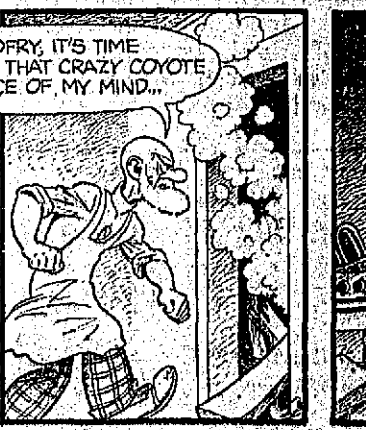
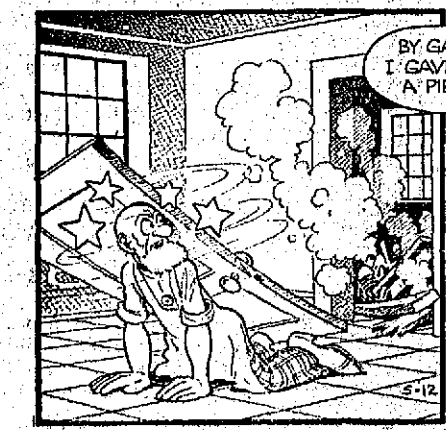
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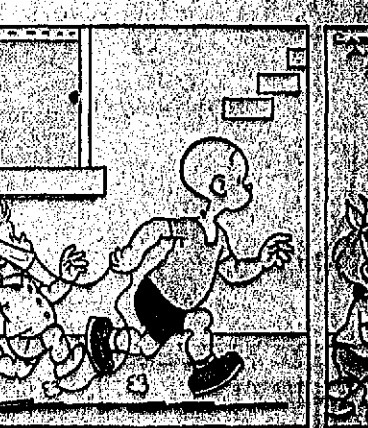
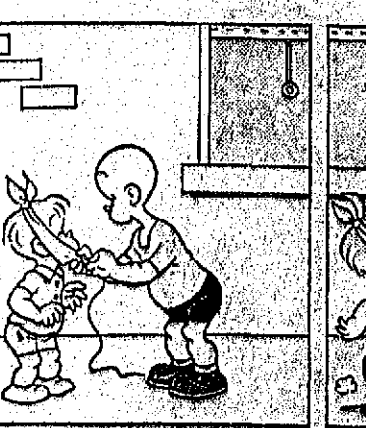
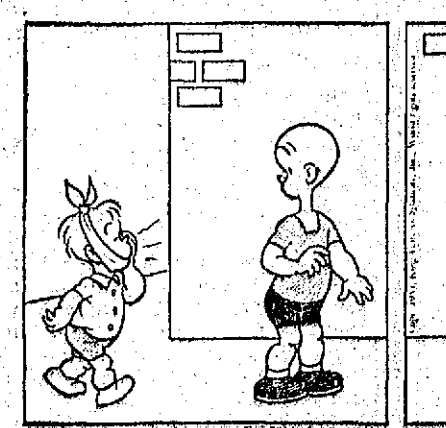
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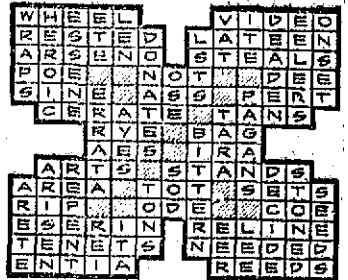


Animal Affairs

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Hibernating animal
- 5 Young horse
- 9 Feline animal
- 12 Seaweed
- 13 Operatic solo
- 14 Poem
- 15 Uncle Remus' traps
- 17 President Coolidge
- 18 Slow animal
- 19 Bony tissue tumor
- 21 Telephone part
- 23 Age
- 24 Table scrap
- 27 Require
- 29 Individuals
- 32 Flat-bottomed boats
- 34 Take for granted
- 36 Exaggerate
- 37 Restricted eater
- 38 majesty
- 39 Needy
- 41 Prosecute
- 42 Ocean
- 44 Employer
- 46 Scholar
- 49 Inborn
- 53 Equality
- 54 Opposed
- 56 Imitative animal
- 57 Passage in the brain
- 58 Love god
- 59 Legal matters
- 60 Italian city
- 61 Church last season

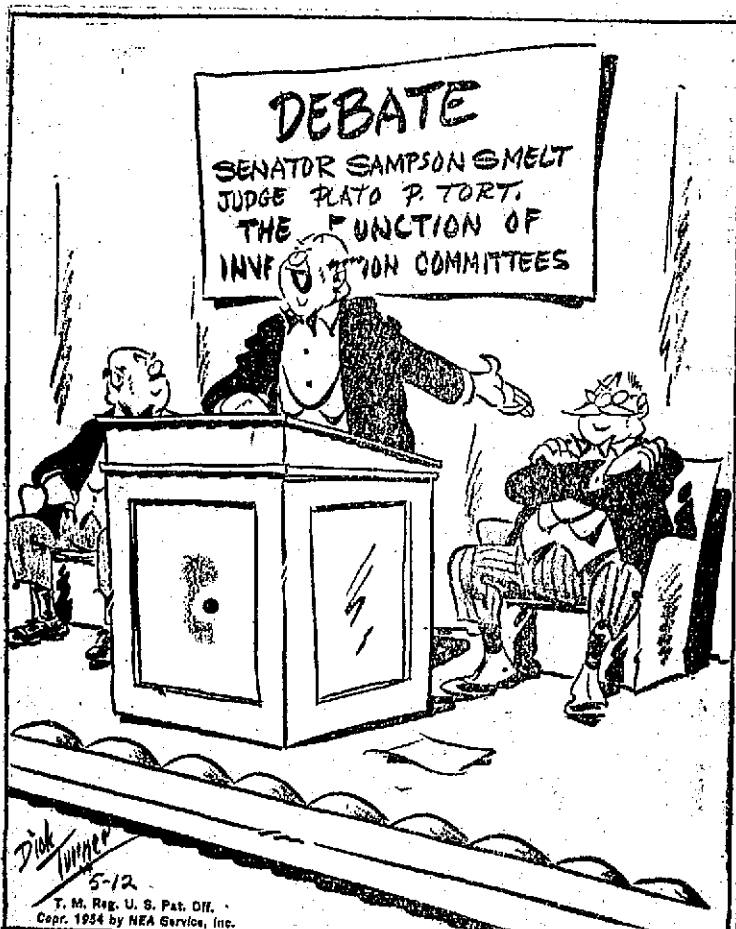
Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 26 Coat-of-arms
- 30 Australian ostrich
- 31 Withered
- 33 Avarice
- 35 Alarm signals
- 40 Beginning
- 43 Eagle's nest
- 45 Badgerlike animal
- 46 Mast
- 47 Fasten
- 48 Selma
- 50 Weary
- 51 Stratford's river
- 52 For fear that
- 55 Anger

CARNIVAL

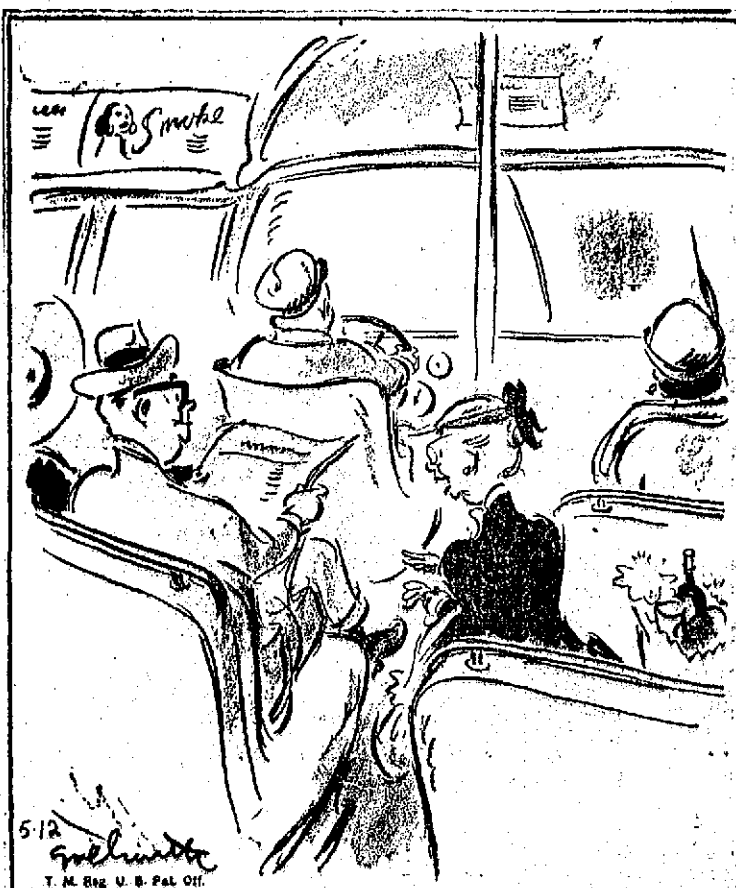
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"And on my left, ladies and gentlemen, speaking for the Republican Party at 185 pounds..."

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"May I borrow your comic page? My grandchildren have got me all excited about that slick young private eye who was in an awful scrape!"

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